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CLUB NOTES

THE TRAGIC calamity at Ibrox Park has clouded the football world this week with pity for the victims and sincere sympathy for the bereaved in the poignant heartbreak of overwhelming grief.

The cause of the game's saddest human disaster, created it would seem by the merest chance on the safest ground in Britain, can be set aside for the moment because those who mourn come first.

North End's seemingly solid defence has conceded five goals after restricting the opposition to 12 in noughts and singles in the previous 17 League and Cup matches.

Compensation was forthcoming from our attack which replied with five—nett profit and loss two points. Reflecting on the Torquay match we came so near to getting another.

This was a tussle which stirred the pulse and won admiration for the battling spirit of North End who were a goal down before the crowd had settled and facing a 0–2 deficit within 20 minutes.

How often in the recent past have we seen our team fade, crumble and accept defeat in similar circumstances? There could be no clearer illustration than our eclipse by Blackpool last April.

Whatever Alan Ball has done to make the steel bend and fly back, instead of snapping like cast iron under pressure, is his secret, but the evident transformation was a joy to watch.

Torquay were tough and determined, but they erred and faltered under constant pressure. Gerry Ingram inspired extra effort by reducing the deficit with a well-taken, stimulating goal.

The next thriller was a "blinder" lashed in by George Lyall to level the score. How unlucky he was when a similar snapshot beat the goalkeeper and thudded against the base of the far post.

There were other palpitating escapes and thrills. Understandably Torquay's goalkeeper Donnelly is coveted by other clubs: he was an animated pinwheel of acrobatic activity in saving his side.

The Boxing Day match at Birkenhead against lusty tireless Tranmere matched its predecessor for action and excitement by all accounts. Prestonians who went got value for time and money spent.

Attack was the keynote for two sides striving to their utmost capacity with never a dull moment. A goal apiece at half time, with "Chippy" Clark our scorer, was a fair but inadequate reward.

Tranmere, piling in for all they were worth, which was considerable when related to endeavour, again got in front only to have their lead wiped out five minutes later by Ricky Heppolette.

Twenty-seven minutes were left to settle the issue and this was when Paul Crossley, an ex-North Ender keen to shine against his former club, came into the fray to steal the headlines.

In a nerve-testing three minutes he experienced the mortification of scoring against his own side, to give North End the lead for the first time, and the exhilaration of snatching the point winning goal.

Good for Paul, if a slap in the face for us. He crashed in a block-buster, jubilantly hammered a fist skyward in jubilation as is the fashion in modern football, and that was it—3–3.

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TOPICAL JOTTINGS

WHAT A DAY for home teams and First Division clubs in the 22 F.A. Cup-ties played in the third round last Saturday, despite wintry weather causing the postponement of the other 10.

BEING AT home was definitely an advantage for 14 competitors in that all of them won. Five others drew. Only Chester, Queen's Park Rangers and Workington were defeated.

THE VICTORS were Blackpool, Everton, Liverpool, Manchester City, Stoke, Tottenham, Wolves, Cardiff, Hull, Leicester, Portsmouth, Swansea, Torquay and (need you wonder)? York.

HOME TEAMS scored 45 goals to 16, only three of the 22 (Manchester United, West Bromwich and Workington) drawing a blank. Goalless away teams totalled 10.

WITH ANOTHER 16 goals coming in this week's five postponed games or replays the grand total reached 77 for 27 matches, an average substantially higher than we normally get.

THESE LATER ties resulted in three home wins and two home defeats, and left as many as 19 of the 22 First Division clubs still interested in the competition.

EITHER Newcastle or Ipswich must go out through clashing, as when Chelsea vanquished Crystal Palace. Two more in the next round are Stoke v. Huddersfield and Derby v. Wolves.

WEST HAM went the same way in a shock defeat at Blackpool, but the Hammers, Crystal Palace and shame-faced Manchester United are the only top clubs down at the first big fence so far.

IN ADDITION to the 11 First Division clubs Coventry, Southampton, Burnley, West Bromwich Newcastle and Leeds must fancy their chances in outstanding third round ties.

IF 17 GET together in round four, the top brass will seldom have had it so good. What is more ten will be at home if Southampton, Burnley, West Brom and Leeds are successful.

THE BRAVE non-Leaguers had to be satisfied with a share of the cash spoils. Out went Wigan, after a truly gallant fight at Maine Road, Rhyl (1-6 at Swansea), Yeovil and Barnet.

THE SHOCKS? They were few in number with Swindon's away win against Q.P.R. and Bolton's inglorious exit at York outstanding. A tremendous rally deprived Lincoln of one at Torquay.

ALDERSHOT, losing by the only goal at Anfield, went home as Wigan did with the consolation of honour in defeat: they were expected to get a hiding but gave the giants a good run.

NO PAT on the back for Middlesbrough? Of course, and a hearty one for mastering Manchester United after holding them at Old Trafford. But in view of recent form it was hardly a surprise.

THIRD DIVISION Villa had done it, also in a replay, so why not Second Division Middlesbrough? Bereft of lustre United are out of two Cups and out of the Championship hunt, too.

THIS IS the first time in 25 post-war seasons that glamorous United have not compensated for a rare poor showing in The League by winning the Cup or having an impressive run.

BY CONTRAST little Yeovil may have felt downcast in defeat, but they could rustle bags of notes on their way to the bank considering that 14,500 paid £12,500 to see them.

Film of World Cup series

THE GRANDEUR of the 1970 World Cup series is captured and graphically displayed in a film "THE WORLD AT THEIR FEET" which will be seen on the big screen in 138 countries throughout the world.

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In the all star film cast are such names as Pele, Charlton, Rivera, Moore, Seeler, Jairzinho and Cubilla—what an assembly!

League and Cup Top Scorers

THREE First Division marksmen, Kennedy of Arsenal, Bell (Manchester City) and Radford (Arsenal) added to their goals total by scoring in F.A. Cup third round ties. The Arsenal pair shared the three which extinguished little Yeovil.

MacDonald, Luton's leading scorer, equalised Nottingham Forest's only goal to bring a replay to Luton. In Division Four the irrepressible Ted MacDougall, who is doing his best to earn Bournemouth promotion, scored their two goals at Barrow from the penalty spot.

	Lge.	F.A. Cup	Lge. Cup	Total
DIVISION ONE				
Chivers (Tottenham)....	13	0	5	18
Brown (West Brom.)....	15	0	0	15
Kennedy (Arsenal)	11	1	2	14
Bell (Manchester C.)....	12	1	0	13
Channon (Southampton)	11	0	1	12
Lee (Manchester C.)	11	0	1	12
Radford (Arsenal).....	11	2	1	14
Weller (Chelsea)	11	0	1	12
DIVISION TWO				
MacDonald (Luton)	17	1	2	20
Hickton (Middlesbrough)	17	0	2	19
Chilton (Hull)	15	0	0	15
Rogers (Swindon).....	10	0	4	14
Watson (Sunderland) .. (*13 for Rotherham*)	11	3	0	14
Hatton (Carlisle).....	9	0	4	13

	Lge.	F.A. Cup	Lge. Cup	Total
DIVISION THREE				
Gwyther (Swansea C.) ..	9	4	2	15
Ingram (Preston)	13	0	2	15
Moss (Chesterfield)	11	3	1	15
Andrews (Shrewsbury..	12	2	0	14
Stubbs (Bristol R.).....	13	1	1	15
Atkins (Halifax T.).....	13	0	1	14
Jones (Bury)	12	1	0	13
DIVISION FOUR				
MacDougall (B'mouth)..	21	7	0	28
Fryatt (Oldham)	17	0	2	19
Crawford (Colchester) ..	14	3	0	17
Howarth (Aldershot)....	13	3	1	17
Shaw (Oldham)	16	0	1	17

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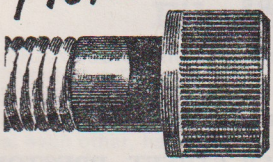

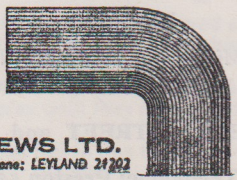

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What might have been the winning goal against Torquay in our last home match. George Lyall, seen just after shooting, had equalised a little earlier; now his shot hits the base of a post with goalkeeper Donnelly beaten.

SHREWSBURY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 1970–71

SHREWSBURY TOWN

SHREWSBURY, whom we welcome to Deepdale for the second time, have not previously played here in a League match: their first visit was five years ago for a second F.A. Cup replay with Carlisle United. They proved themselves an attractive and lively side in winning 4-3.

Comparative newcomers to The League, Shrewsbury found favour in 1950 when a Midland League side. The Southern and Northern Sections of Division Three were increased from 22 to 24 clubs each and the elected aspirants were Colchester, Gillingham, Shrewsbury and Scunthorpe. Workington came in the following season when New Brighton dropped out.

It was not an auspicious opening season, the club finishing fifth from the bottom with 37 points. Transferred to the Southern Section, Shrewsbury did not do any better apart from scoring nearly 20 more goals. They again finished higher than only four clubs (36 points).

Faring worse in defence, the club had to ask for re-election in their third season through being next to the bottom with 36 points. From then their fortunes gradually improved, but owing to being in the lower half of their group when separate Third and Fourth Divisions were formed in 1958 Shrewsbury were demoted along with eleven companion clubs.

To their credit they gained promotion in their first season with 58 points and have been in the Third Division ever since (12 seasons). Twice, third from the top, they saw the promotion prize go to Norwich (59 points to Shrewsbury's 52); then to Bury, by one point.

Many club grounds have attractive names but none is more picturesque than Shrewsbury's sweet-sounding Gay Meadow. The new colours of the pride of Shropshire are also on the gay side, amber instead of white now toning in with traditional blue. Following is a summary of Shrewsbury Town's League record:—

			— positions —		points			
	Div.	Seasons	highest	lowest	most	fewest	total	average
1950-51	3N	1	20	—	37	—	37	37.00
1951-58	3S	7	9	23	48	36	298	42.57
1958-59	4	1	4	—	58	—	58	58.00
1959-70	3	11	3	19	55	38	512	46.54
		20					905	45.25

The present club was formed in 1886, when there had been a town team for 10 years.

Pen Pictures

(Last season's League appearances and goals are shown in brackets, e.g., 30-7)

Bob TOOZE (*goalkeeper*). Born Bristol. Signed as a stop-gap nearly two years ago after five seasons with Bristol City. Has given good service (31-0).

Tony GREGORY (*right back*). Born Dawley, Shropshire. Joined from school as an apprentice in April, 1962 (41-0).

Geoff FELLOWS (*left back*). West Bromwich-born, this small but sturdy defender was signed in June, 1965 after five seasons with Aston Villa (43-0).

Terry MATTHIAS (*right half*). Welsh Schoolboy International. Apprentice May, 1965, full pro April, 1967. Born near Wrexham (1-0).

Alf WOOD (*centre half*). Born Macclesfield. Five seasons with Manchester City and four with Shrewsbury. England Youth International (45-6).

Peter DOLBY (*left half*). Tall, lanky Derby-born player from Heanor, February, 1960. Versatile, often playing with the forwards (11-0).

Dave ROBERTS (*outside right*). A native of Birmingham, was with Aston Villa from December, 1963, after leaving school. Unusually tall for a wing forward (46-5).

Graham CLAPHAM (*inside right*). Born at Lincoln 22 years ago, was recruited from Newcastle's Central League team in 1967. Quick and clever on the ball.

Terry HARKIN (*centre forward*). A well-built six-footer, this Irish Under-23 and full International was signed from Southport for a good fee. Previously with Port Vale, Crewe, Cardiff and Notts County. Has a good scoring record (41-16).

Paul BEVAN (*inside left*). Promising young local product who was signed as a professional as recently as October 22nd last year (—).

Jimmy McLAUGHLIN (*outside left*). Rejoined Shrewsbury from Peterborough, September, 1967. Gained several Caps for Ireland whilst with Shrewsbury and Swansea. A speedy opportunist (31-4).

SHREWSBURY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Rear : John Moore, Tony Gregory, Ricky Moir, Bob Tooze, Geoff Fellows, Alf Wood, Trevor Meredith.
Seated: Dave Roberts, Gerry Bridgwood, George Andrews, Terry Harkin, Jimmy McLaughlin.

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FOCUS on Alan Kelly

OF ALL THE fine goalkeepers who have worn North End's colours—and they include several internationals—none has endeared himself more to the crowd than modest, long-serving Irishman Alan Kelly. Since he was quietly signed from Drumcondra he has proved a rare bargain.

That was as long ago as April 1958 when not long out of his teens. He was already an international, if, as he would ruefully acknowledge, a somewhat callow one. For he was at the receiving end in a 5–0 debut against England at Wembley in the 1957–58 World Cup series.

He can afford to forget that sad but not too discouraging baptism. It is effaced by his magnificent record of being his country's most capped goalkeeper. He recently received tangible proof of the fact at an official presentation.

Many are the great and glorious games he has played for his beloved Eire, but they are vastly exceeded by comparable exhibitions among his 300 odd appearances for North End since his League debut in 1960–61. Proudest of him are his wife and three admiring boys.

When he suffers the occasional lapse let us think rather of the genius reflected by innumerable saves which only the sharpest reflexes and instant judgment could produce.

PRESTON NORTH END

DIVISION THREE
FIRST ELEVEN

P23, W10, D9, L4,—Goals F35, A26,—Pts. 29—Pos. 5

1970	Rslt.	Pts	Atts.
Aug.15—Halifax Town ..... h	1–1	1	9646
„ **19—L.C.1 Stockport** ..... a	**1–0**	–	**4353**
„ 22—Torquay United ..... a	1–3	0	5908
„ 29—Bristol Rovers..... h	3–2	2	7957
„ 31—Wrexham ..... h	3–2	2	10653
Sept. 5—Port Vale ..... a	0–1	0	6954
„ **9—L.C.2 Torquay United** ..... a	**3–1**	–	**6339**
„ 12—Reading ..... h	4–1	2	9357
„ 19—Aston Villa ..... a	0–2	0	26139
„ 22—Bury ..... a	1–0	2	5821
„ 26—Fulham ..... h	1–1	1	12103
„ 30—Shrewsbury Town..... a	1–0	2	8026
Oct. 3—Bradford City ..... a	2–0	2	7259
„ **6—L.C.3 West Brom** ..... h	**0–1**	–	**18222**
„ 10—Mansfield Town..... h	2–1	2	12452
„ 17—Halifax Town ..... a	0–1	0	5922
„ 19—Swansea City ..... h	1–1	1	10328
„ 24—Plymouth Argyle ..... a	1–1	1	9628
„ 31—Brighton & Hove Albion .... h	1–1	1	12567
Nov. 6—Doncaster Rovers (Friday) .... a	1–1	1	5300
„ 9—Barnsley ..... h	3–1	2	11053
„ 14—Rochdale ..... h	3–1	2	13460
„ 21—**(F.A. Cup 1) Chester**..... h	**1–1**	–	**15023**
„ 25— „ „ **Replay** ..... a	**0–1**	–	**11164**
„ 28—Chesterfield..... a	0–0	1	9720
Dec. 5—Gillingham ..... h	1–0	2	10274
„ 12—Grimsby Town (friendly) ..... a	3–2	–	–
„ 19—Torquay United ..... h	2–2	1	11637
„ 26—Tranmere Rovers ..... a	3–3	1	7130
1971			
Jan. 2—Rotherham United ..... h			
„ 9—Shrewsbury Town..... h			
„ 15—Swansea City ..... a			
„ 23—Walsall ..... a			
„ 30—Chesterfield ..... h			
Feb. 6—Gillingham ..... a			
„ 13—Walsall ..... h			
„ 20—Barnsley ..... a			
„ 27—Brighton & Hove A. **(L.C. Final)** a			
Mar. 6—Plymouth Argyle ..... h			
„ 8—Bury (7-30 p.m.) ..... h			
„ 13—Rochdale ..... a			
„ 16—Rotherham United..... a			
„ 20—Doncaster Rovers ..... h			
„ 27—Port Vale ..... h			
April 3—Bristol Rovers..... a			
„ 10—Tranmere Rovers ..... h			
„ 12—Reading..... a			
„ 13—Bradford City (7-30 p.m.)..... h			
„ 17—Mansfield Town ..... a			
„ 24—Aston Villa ..... h			
„ 26—Wrexham ..... a			
May 1—Fulham ..... a			
„ **8—F.A. Cup Final** ..... –		–	

CENTRAL LEAGUE
SECOND ELEVEN

P23, W9 ,D4, L10,-Goals F29, A42,—Pts.22

1970	Rslt.	Pts
Aug.15—Wolverhampton W. ..a	0–3	0
„ 17—Manchester United ..h	1–0	2
„ 22—Aston Villa .....h	3–0	2
„ 25—Everton .....a	2–1	2
„ 29—Coventry City .....a	1–8	0
Sept. 5—Derby County .....h	0–0	1
„ 12—Leeds United .....a	0–0	1
„ 15—Bury .....a	1–2	0
„ 19—Sheffield United .....h	2–0	2
„ 26—Liverpool .....a	1–4	0
Oct. 3—Bury .....h	2–3	0
„ 10—Manchester City.....a	0–4	0
„ 17—Wolverhampton W. ..h	0–1	0
„ 24—Bolton Wanderers....h	1–1	1
„ 31—Blackpool .....a	1–4	0
Nov. 7—Huddersfield Town ..h	0–4	0
„ 14—Sheffield Wednesday a	0–2	0
„ 21—Stoke City.....a	3–1	2
„ 28—West Bromwich A... h	4–1	2
Dec. 5—Newcastle United ....a	2–1	2
„ 12—Nottingham Forest....h	2–1	2
„ 19—Aston Villa .....a	2–0	2
„ 26—Blackburn Rovers ....h	1–1	1
1971		
Jan. 9—Manchester United ..a		
„ 16—Everton .....h		
„ 30—West Bromwich A... a		
Feb. 6—Newcastle United ....h		
„ 13—Nottingham Forest....a		
„ 20—Stoke City.....h		
„ 27—Blackpool .....h		
Mar. 6—Bolton Wanderers....a		
„ 13—Sheffield Wednesday h		
„ 20—Huddersfield Town ..a		
„ 27—Derby County .....a		
April 3—Coventry City .....h		
„ 9—Leeds United .....h		
„ 10—Blackburn Rovers ....a		
„ 17—Manchester City.....h		
„ 24—Sheffield United .....a		
„ 27—Burnley .....a		
May 1—Liverpool .....h		
„ 3—Burnley .....h		

Appearances

Schofield 20	McMahon 12	Holden 3
Bruce 20	Czuczman 8	Allen 3
Stewart 19	Irvine 9	Heery 4
Lamb 16	Hughes 8	Brown 2
Park 17	Ritchie 7	Kershaw 3
Patrick 17	Blyth 6	Grace 2
Baxter 14	Lee 6	Hodkinson 1
Murray 12	Lloyd 7	Hart 1
Moore 13	Spavin 5	McNab 1
Lyall 11	Clark 5	Blyth J 1

Goals (29)

Bruce 7	Moore 2	Lamb 1
Irvine 5	Hughes 3	Schofield 1
Lyall 3	Clark 1	opponents 2
Lloyd 3	Kershaw 1	

The Preston North End F.C. hope you find this programme both informative and interesting, and we wish to acknowledge the co-operation of the *Lancashire Evening Post* for allowing us to publish photographs taken by their Staff Photographers.

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NORTH END APPEARANCES AND GOALS — 1970-71

Football League Division III — P23, W10, D9, L4, Goals F35, A26—Pts. 29. Pos. 5

F.A. Cup	Lge. Cup		G (1)	RB (2)	LB (3)	RH (4)	CH (5)	LH (6)	OR (7)	IR (8)	CF (9)	IL (10)	OL (11)	Total
2	3	Alan KELLY	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
1	3	George ROSS.....	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
1		Bert PATRICK	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
1	2	Jim McNAB	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
1	1	John McMAHON	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
2	3	Alec SPARK	—	—	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
2	3	Graham HAWKINS ..	—	—	—	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
2	3	Richard HEPPOLETTE	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	9	—	16
1	3	David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	18
	1	George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	6	—	8
	3	Willie IRVINE.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	7	—	13
		Norman LLOYD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
	2	Archie GEMMILL	(*transferred*)		—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	7	
2		Bobby HAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	8
1	2	David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	7	11
2		Clive CLARK	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	11
2	2	Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	20
2	2	Alan SPAVIN.....	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	1	—	—	—	18
	1	Frank LEE	(*transferred*)		—	—	—	—	2	—	—	5	7	
		Total	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	253

League Division III scorers — Ingram 13, Ham 5, Heppolette 5, Wilson 3, Lyall 3, Irvine 1, Spark 1, McNab 1, Clark 1, Opponents 2 — Total 35

League Cup scorers (4)—Ingram 2, Irvine 1, Spavin 1. F.A. Cup (1) Heppolette 1

THIRD DIVISION 1970-71

(Positions to January 2nd, 1971, incl.)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Bristol Rovers.....	24	13	9	2	49	20	35
Fulham	24	12	7	5	37	25	31
Aston Villa	24	12	7	5	33	25	31
Preston North End ..	23	10	9	4	35	26	29
Torquay United	22	12	5	5	31	20	29
Chesterfield.....	24	10	8	6	38	21	28
Wrexham	25	10	7	8	40	38	27
Rotherham United....	23	9	8	6	35	31	26
Mansfield Town	24	9	8	7	34	39	26
Halifax Town	24	10	5	9	36	35	25
Swansea City	23	8	7	8	34	31	23
Barnsley	24	8	7	9	27	31	23
Reading	22	9	5	8	28	38	23
Plymouth Argyle	24	6	10	8	34	39	22
Port Vale	24	9	4	11	32	36	22
Tranmere Rovers	23	6	9	8	28	30	21
Shrewsbury Town....	23	8	5	10	37	41	21
Bradford City	23	8	5	10	21	30	21
Walsall	24	8	4	12	30	37	20
Brighton & Hove A. ..	22	4	10	8	17	19	18
Bury	23	5	7	11	30	36	17
Doncaster Rovers....	25	6	5	14	26	38	17
Rochdale	22	5	6	11	29	40	16
Gillingham	23	3	5	15	19	36	11

CENTRAL LEAGUE 1970-71

(Positions to January 2nd, 1971, incl.)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts.
Liverpool	25	17	4	4	47	17	38
Derby County	24	13	9	2	43	22	35
Everton	24	12	9	3	43	24	33
Coventry City	25	9	10	6	43	29	28
Bolton Wanderers....	23	11	5	7	46	41	27
Sheffield United	24	10	6	8	39	32	26
Bury	24	10	5	9	36	34	25
West Bromwich Albion	23	8	9	6	30	31	25
Manchester United ..	22	10	4	8	31	25	24
Newcastle United	23	7	10	6	24	24	24
Blackpool	24	8	7	9	39	35	23
Burnley	21	8	7	6	35	39	23
Wolverhampton W. ..	23	7	8	8	35	31	22
Huddersfield Town ..	23	8	6	9	45	42	22
Preston North End ..	23	9	4	10	29	42	22
Leeds United	22	6	8	8	29	34	20
Nottingham Forest....	23	5	9	9	30	38	19
Blackburn Rovers	23	8	3	12	29	38	19
Stoke City.....	24	4	9	11	23	33	17
Sheffield Wednesday	24	6	5	13	28	48	17
Manchester City.....	21	6	3	12	33	46	15
Aston Villa	24	1	6	17	16	48	8

Flashback

WIDESPREAD THAW and heavy rain, as now, followed bitter weather 12 months ago, and 10 League games were postponed owing to pitches being waterlogged. Another was put off through fog and one was abandoned. Scottish league matches were harder hit, 12 being postponed.

SHREWSBURY TOWN celebrated their best win of the season, a 5-1 thrashing for top-of-the table Luton Town, who had only lost three of their previous 23 Third Division games. The winners, who rose to 11th position, scored four without reply in the first half.

BRISTOL ROVERS, then as at present, were top scorers in the Division with 45 goals reached by a 4-1 win against Mansfield, but six clubs were above them in the table.

A SIGNIFICANT fact is that Fulham, who lost at Plymouth, were in the bottom half with less than a point a game, but they came from behind to finish fourth with 55 points. Fulham did this by gaining 30 points from their last 20 matches. Bristol were third with a 56 total.

IT MAY also be significant, though we hope not, that the two leading teams on January 10th, 1970, Luton Town and Orient, went up. In Division Four only Brentford of the four at the top missed promotion: Swansea Town leap-frogged them into fifth place.

EVERTON, Leeds and Chelsea, the first three in Division One in that order, finished in the same positions. Cardiff, Huddersfield, Sheffield United and Blackburn were the top four in Division Two, but on the final day had been replaced by Huddersfield, Blackpool, Leicester and Middlesbrough.

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BLACKPOOL climbed to promotion from seventh position at the turn of the year, and Cardiff and the Rovers correspondingly slumped. Hull City, who were in danger of relegation through rubbing shoulders with Watford and Aston Villa, revived and climbed to halfway in the table.

AS THEY ascended the ladder North End dropped a few more rungs, finally to land at the bottom. Hopes that the pre-Christmas slump had been arrested became more sanguine when Carlisle, just a year ago, were beaten 3-1 at Deepdale, but that encouragement was of brief duration and gradually dissolved into despair.

THE NEW YEAR oracle of table placings is seldom far out on the final reckoning: the bottom pair in Division One were Sunderland and Sheffield Wednesday, if by a small margin, but the others in deep water clung to the raft and it was Sunderland and Wednesday who sank.

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THREE of the then bottom four in Division Three, Southport, Stockport and Barrow, eventually were relegated. The fourth, Gillingham, escaped by the thread of goal average.

AT BURNLEY, during an angry scene after Steve Kindon had been carried off injured, Derek Dougan averted possibly a worse incident by intercepting and stopping a spectator who was running towards the referee. Police intervened and at the end escorted the referee off.

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TODAY'S PERSONALITIES

Man at the Helm

HARRY GREGG

(SHREWSBURY TOWN MANAGER)

SHREWSBURY TOWN, who have had two or three noted players as managers, are now under the knowing wing of 37-year-old Harry Gregg, the former Irish international goalkeeper and a native of Coleraine. He is married and has four daughters.

His League playing career was spent with Doncaster Rovers, Manchester United, Stoke City and finally his present club (as player coach, 1968).

It might have ended calamitously for him and his family but for his being spared from death when the 'plane which was expected to bring the Manchester United party safely home after a European Cup-tie at Belgrade crashed at Munich in February, 1958, with tragic results.

Eight leading players and three officials of Manchester United, and eight of nine sports journalists, were among those who perished. The lucky ones included Sir Matt Busby, Harry Gregg and Dennis Viollet, now coach at Deepdale.

Many times capped by Northern Ireland against the home countries, Harry really made his name with a superb display in a shock 3-2 defeat for England at Wembley in 1957-58. Soon afterwards he became the costliest goalkeeper the game had known through Manchester United signing him from Doncaster for £23,500. Within two months he survived the Munich horror.

At Shrewsbury he succeeded famed Arthur Rowley as manager and, as he freely admits, has had his problems from the other side of the "sticks."

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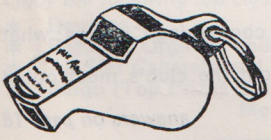
HARRY YATES, Shrewsbury's chairman, was a war-time R.A.F. pilot: his other peacetime hobby is crown green bowling. Aged 51, he is a Shropshire native and son of the club's president, Sydney Yates. Joining the Board of Directors in 1954, he became chairman in 1967.

Man in the Middle



DAVID WILLIAM SMITH

(Stonehouse, Gloucestershire)

ONE OF OUR longest-serving and most experienced referees with a reputation for not standing for any "nonsense," Mr. Smith is the only League referee who became a linesman when already one by profession—as a chargehand linesman for the Midland Electricity Board.

He appreciates a player's point of view, although behind this fact is an ironic twist: when grumbling over a decision as a local goalkeeper he got the reply "If you think you can do better, why don't you take it up?" He did.

That was some 20 years ago. Starting in the Stroud League in 1949-50, he graduated through Gloucester amateur leagues and the Western League to the Football League line (1954-58).

His next promotion was to The League's Referees' List 12 seasons ago, with elevation in 1968 to the F.I.F.A. panel. Believing in working himself hard, he has refereed nearly a hundred matches a season more than once. His plums have been: League Cup Final 1966, two F.A. Cup semi-finals and the 1964 Amateur Cup Final.

With what is left of his spare time he does the secretarial work for the Stroud League. Married with one son, Terrance, he lives in his beloved Gloucestershire.

News from The League

OLDHAM ATHLETIC, The League's leading goal scorers with 56, and strong challengers for promotion from Division Four, look like winning the January £2,500 prize in the **Ford Sporting League** as easily as they did in each of the four preceding months.

If they do they will see their windfall from this source increase to £12,500, all of it to be spent on improving spectator amenities. Although Oldham have had 10 points deducted for infringements by players, they lead Halifax, the only League club not yet penalised through bookings and dismissals, by 16 points.

Many clubs feel the rules need revising to prevent a virtual monopoly of the prize money as the outcome of a club establishing an early substantial lead. This has been regarded as one of the teething troubles of a new venture, and it may be that next season the £2,500 prize will be competed for solely on a monthly basis, with previous points totals ruled out.

This is not to pre-suppose that the end-of-season highest points aggregate will not still qualify the top club to collect £50,000, and the club second from the top £30,000.

Bolton Wanderers are still stuck at the bottom of the full list of 92 clubs. They have gained 31 points but their return is —34 owing to deductions having increased to 65 points. This is the highest debit figure, but eight other teams have forfeited 50 or more points. Recently First Division clubs have come more into prominence. There are now six in the leading 26.

Club Order	P.	Pts.for H.	Pts.for A.	Gls. Ttl.	De' tns	Ttl. Pts.	Pos.
Oldham Athletic	25	36	40	76	10	66	1
Halifax Town ..	24	22	28	50	0	50	2
Bristol Rovers..	24	29	40	69	20	49	3
Fulham	24	23	28	51	5	46	4
Crewe Alex.....	23	26	28	54	10	44	5
B'mouth & B.A.	23	22	30	52	10	42	6
Luton Town....	22	24	28	52	10	42	7
Aldershot.....	23	15	36	51	10	41	8
Bury	23	11	38	49	10	39	9
Lincoln City....	23	23	26	49	10	39	10
Colchester Utd.	23	19	34	53	15	38	—11
York City	23	19	34	53	15	38	—11
West Ham U...	22	16	26	42	5	37	13

Club Order	P.	Pts.for H.	Pts.for A.	Gls. Ttl.	De' tns.	Ttl. Pts.	Pos.
Arsenal	23	28	32	60	25	35	14
Rotherham Utd.	23	22	26	48	15	33	15
Leeds United..	24	25	32	57	25	32	16
Preston N.E.....	23	25	20	45	15	30	17
Chester	23	23	32	55	25	30	18
Portsmouth	22	23	16	39	10	29	19
Scunthorpe Utd.	24	18	26	44	15	29	20
Exeter City	23	26	18	44	15	29	21
Southport.....	25	21	28	49	20	29	22
Derby County	23	19	24	43	15	28	23
Tottenham H.	22	19	28	47	20	27	24
Manchester C.	22	18	28	46	20	26	25
Swindon Town	23	22	18	40	15	25	26

When clubs are level on points precedence is given to the one with the least deductions. If these totals are equal, the teams with most points for away goals get the higher placings. One point is awarded for every home goal and two points for goals scored away. Five points are deducted for a player cautioned and 10 points for a player sent off. The club heading the table after the last Saturday of each month receives £2,500. At the end of the season, the top club will get £50,000 and the second club £30,000. The money has to be used for improving spectator amenities.

SHREWSBURY QUIZ

1—HAVE Shrewsbury ever been in the Second Division?
2—WHO holds their goal scoring record for League games?
3—WHAT is the crowd capacity of their Gay Meadow ground?
4—HAVE Shrewsbury always played there?
5—UNTIL the 1960's Shrewsbury never had much to shout about concerning Cup-ties: what happened then?
6—WHO would be recalled if Shrewsbury fans were talking about the club's most noted players?

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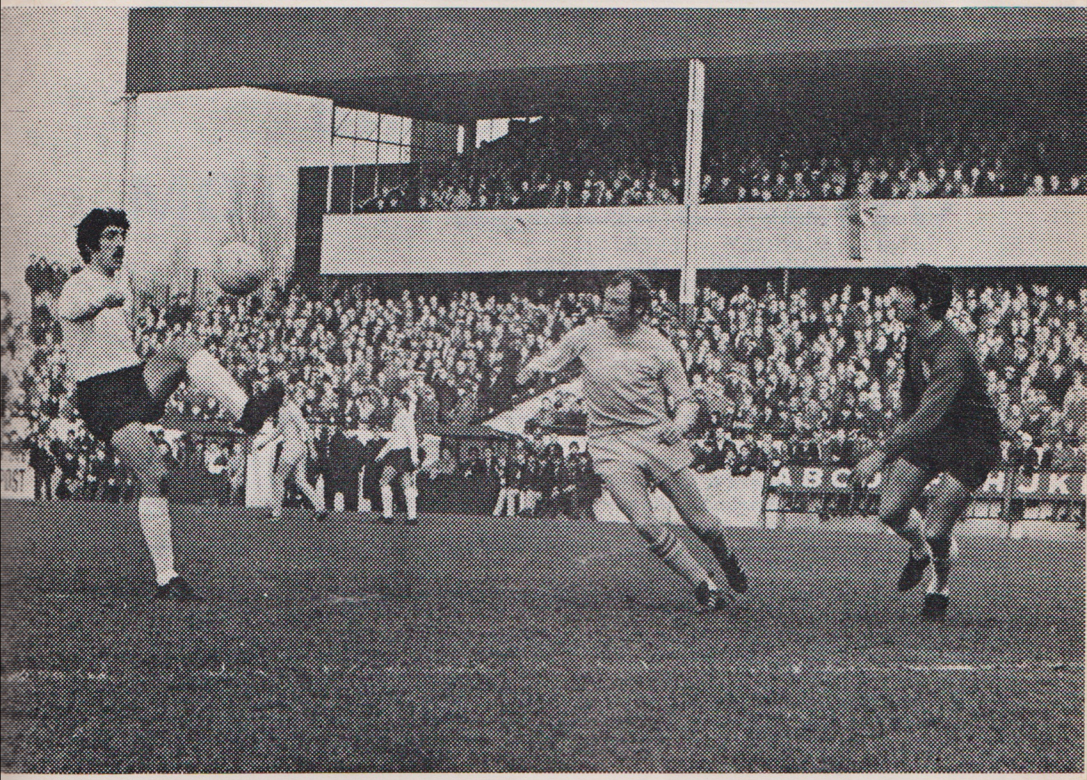

Jim McNab, who has seldom played a better, shrewder game than against Torquay, calmly steps in when Kelly looked like having an anxious moment.

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LEAGUE CUP MAGNET

Attendances for the semi-final ties in this season's **Football League Cup** competition totalled 167,741, an average of 41,935 for the four matches. This is the second highest semi-final "gates" figure in the competition, slightly lower than last season's record when 174,374 people watched the four matches, an average of 43,593.

SHREWSBURY QUIZ ANSWERS

1—No, but they suffered a near miss three years ago, and also finished third, but well behind the runners up, in 1960.
2—Arthur Rowley, with 38 in Shrewsbury's 1958–59 promotion season, (Division Four).
3—About 20,000. The record attendance is 18,917 at a League match with Walsall in April 1961.
4—Until 1910, over a period of 26 years, they played on the Old Shrewsbury Racecourse.
5—They were Football League Cup semi-finalists in 1961, and reached the fifth round of the F.A. Cup two years together, 1965 and 1966.
6—Norman Hobson, David Pountney, Arthur Rowley, Trevor Meredith, Pat Wright, B. Streten and J. McLaughlin.

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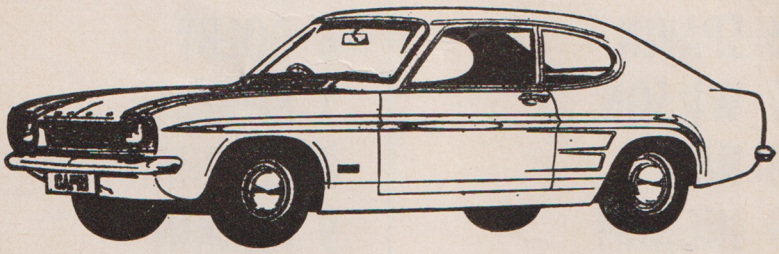

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9 INGRAM	9 HARKIN
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11 CLARK	11 McLAUGHLIN
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